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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application filed on January 12, 2001, the Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following preliminary amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 37, line 16, as follows:

The Encoder first compares the priority assigned to the RCs and ResDesc in the frame to the requested (or allowed) priority for transmission. If the priority for the RCs for this frame is less than or equal to the requested priority all RCs are to be retained. If the priority for the RCs for this frame is greater than the requested priority all RCs are to be dropped. This determines the value of the IRC bit. Conversion from the frame structure to a bit stream then proceeds from top to bottom in the 64 bytes frame examining each triplet of priority, #bits, and value. If priority is greater than the requested priority the triplet is skipped. If priority is less